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BROOKS SIGNS SIGNIFICANT NEW AIRPORT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MULTIPLE AIRLINES

Southwest, United, and Delta all sign new three-year Airline-Airport Use & Lease Agreement

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that United Airlines, Southwest Airlines, and Delta Airlines have signed a new Airline-Airport Use & Lease Agreement to operate at the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) through December 31, 2015. **Brooks** officially authorized the agreement during a commemorative signing event at the airport this morning.

*"This new agreement stands as a testament to Monroe County's continued commitment to provide our community with state-of-the-art amenities, outstanding service, and affordable travel options at the Greater Rochester International Airport," said **Brooks**. "I am especially proud that the County's new agreement with some of the nation's finest airlines will help to create jobs and grow our economy, all while building upon the airport's already strong standing as this community's "Gateway to the World."*

In addition to the three airlines that have already agreed to new terms with ROC, US Airways, American Eagle, and JetBlue Airways have all expressed their intent to sign the agreement as well.

Under the new Agreement, airlines commit to operating from ROC for the next three years, with the option to renew the contract for two additional two-year periods thereafter. Last week, the Monroe County Airport Authority unanimously approved the new Airline-Airport Use & Lease Agreement. Likewise, the agreement was approved with overwhelming bi-partisan support by the Monroe County Legislature through a unanimous vote of 29-0.

*"Over the past nine months, Monroe County has worked with representatives from United Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Delta Airlines, JetBlue Airways, US Airways, and American Eagle to negotiate the new operating agreement," said Monroe County Director of Aviation **Michael A. Giardino**. "Under the agreement, the airlines have agreed to pay rates and charges for their operation at the airport, including: lease of space in the terminal facility; aircraft landing fees; aircraft apron fees; terminal equipment charges; and aircraft parking charges."*

ROC continues to be an engine for economic growth in Monroe County. According to a 2011 study completed by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), ROC is responsible for creating and sustaining 10,000 jobs, generating \$295 million in income, and contributing over \$800 million to the local economy each year. The recently released November 2012 Traffic Enplanement Report also shows a 2.3% increase in enplanements at ROC, a gain of approximately 2,200 enplanements over November 2011. Year-to-date enplanements at ROC have already surpassed one million.

ROC serves 2.4 million passengers annually and offers an average of 4,176 seats per day to eighteen airport destinations on six major airlines and their affiliates.

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